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Term/Abbreviation	Definition
17P	17 alpha-hydroxyprogesterone caproate, a progestogen shown to reduce repeat preterm birth
AAP	American Academy of Pediatrics
ACOG	American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
AMA	American Medical Association
CFR	Child Fatality Review
CHW	Community health worker
CNM	Certified Nurse Midwife
Determinant of health	The range of personal, social, economic, and environmental factors that influence health status
Doula	Paraprofessional who provides physical, emotional and informational support to a mother before, during and shortly after childbirth
Early Prenatal Care	Care in the first 3 months of pregnancy
ETS	Environmental tobacco smoke, secondhand smoke
FIMR	Fetal and Infant Mortality Review
FMSC	Department of Family Science, School of Public Health, University of Maryland in College Park
IM	Infant mortality is the death of an infant before his or her first birthday.
Implicit bias	Unconscious attitudes or stereotypes that affect understanding, actions and decisions
IMR	Infant mortality rate, the number of infant deaths for every 1,000 live births.
IPV	Intimate partner violence
LBW	Low Birth Weight, less than 2500 grams (5.5 pounds)
MCH	Maternal and child health
MCO	Managed care organization
MHCC	Maryland Health Care Commission
mHealth	mobile health, use of mobile/wireless technology to support health
MMRC	Maternal Mortality Review Committee
NICU	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
Perinatal	Period before and after birth (includes prenatal and postnatal)
PRA	Prenatal Risk Assessment, tool used by providers to identify risk factors and initiate referrals
PTB	Preterm Birth, a birth that occurs before the start of the 37th week of pregnancy
Risk Factor	An attribute, characteristic or exposure that increases an individual's likelihood of developing a disease or injury.
SDOH	Social determinants of health
SIDS	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome is the unexplained death, usually during sleep, of a

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	seemingly healthy baby less than a year old.
SUID	Sudden unexpected infant death (SUID) describes the sudden and unexpected death of a baby less than 1 year old
VLBW	Very Low Birth Weight, less than 1500 grams (3.3 pounds)
VPTB	Very Preterm Birth (defined as either <28 or <32 weeks)